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Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

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RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

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" 12 " 5 " " "

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FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna. Brazil and Barcelona NUTS. LETT'S DIARIES for 1879. Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES.

CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS. American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES.

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ALBUMS, in great variety. CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS.

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LANMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

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GENUINE DUE DE MONTEBELLO CHAMPAGNE, In Good Condition, at the following Greatly Reduced Prices.

For Case 1 Doz. Quarts, \$13.
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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, November 13, 1878. del3

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To be had from Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

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A. NEWTON, Manager.

Hongkong, November 5, 1878. del3

AFONG,

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Hongkong, September 19, 1878.

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French and English TOYS. MECHANICAL TOYS. DOLLS, in latest Parisian Costumes. SWIMMING DOLLS.

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BIBLES. PAINT BOXES, Fitted. TOILET BOTTLES and VASES. ANEROIDS.

CROCODILE SCENT CASES. CIGAR BOXES. WRITING DESKS. MEERSCHAUM PIPES.

LATEST DESIGNS in Electro-Plated Ware. MARK TWAIN'S SCRAP BOOKS. PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS. &c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, November 20, 1878.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, at Mr. E. PARANEY'S Godown, on

SATURDAY,

the 7th Instant, 1878, at Noon, 2 Chests MALWA OPIUM, Ex Str. "Geelong." (More or less damaged by sea water.) (On account of the concerned.)

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

H. N. MODY, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 4, 1878. 47

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs. BIRLEY & Co. to sell by Public Auction, by Order of the Mortgagees, on or about the 20th JANUARY, 1879, the last Class IRON SCREW STEAMSHIP "AMERICA,"

of 563 Tons Net Register, Built in 1873 by Messrs. J. and R. SWAN, of Dumbarton, and Engineed by Messrs. Ton and McGregor, of Glasgow, with Compound Vertical Direct Acting Surface-Condensing Engines of 90 Horse-Power (nominal), working up to 450 H.-P. effectual; Consumption of Coal (Cardiff), about 8 Tons; Speed, about 8 Knots; Diameter of Cylinders, 25 and 48 inches; Boiler Multitubular; Length 210 feet 3 in.; Breadth, extreme, 26 feet 7 in.; Depth of Hold, Tonnage Deck to Ceiling, 20 feet 9 in.; Spar Deck, Deck to Deck, 6 feet 7 in.; Draft, light, 9 feet; Loaded, 17 feet; D. W. Capacity, including Bunkers, 1,100 Tons, or 16,800 Piculs exclusive of Bunkers; Class, Lloyd's 90-A1; Water Ballast; Tween Decks laid; 3 Steam Winches, and HARRFIELD'S Patent Windlass; Saloon amidships for 10 Cabin Passengers and Cabin aft, for 8. Bunkers refitted in Hongkong in June, and the Hull and Machinery now in first class order.

Spare Engine Gear and Coal to be SOLD SEPARATELY. For further Particulars, apply to Messrs. BIRLEY & Co., or the AUCTIONEERS, where Inventory and Plan of the Vessel can be seen.

TERMS OF SALE.—Half Cash on-fall of the hammer. The Balance on completion of Transfer, expenses of which are to be borne by the Purchaser. The Ship and Inventory, with all faults and errors of description, to be at the Purchaser's risk at fall of the hammer.

HUGHES & LEGG, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, November 19, 1878. del20

Intimations.

NOTICE.

G. FALCONER & Co. beg to announce that, during DECEMBER and JANUARY Next, they will offer their Large and Magnificent Stock of JEWELLERY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c., Considerably under the Usual Prices.

Shortly expected from England: an Elegant ASSORTMENT of SILVER CUPS, suitable for REGATTA or RACE MEETINGS.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878. del

MOORE & Co.

"VARIETY STORE," NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS, No. 42, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co., Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 20, 1878. my29

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS has Returned and is Now Ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS at No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.

Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DE EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

LOST.

LAST NIGHT, on the QUEEN'S ROAD, or in the CITY HALL, a CHINESE GOLD LOCKET, containing a Photograph. The Finder will please communicate with the Office of this Paper, when a Reward will be given if necessary.

Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

WANTED.

EMPLOYMENT OF ANY KIND: temporary or otherwise, at moderate remuneration, by an efficient ACCOUNTANT and CORRESPONDENT. Best references. Address: "O. G. B." China Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878. del9

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned being about to Close his Firm at Swatow, hereby notifies that all DEBTS and CLAIMS due to or by him, he will Collect and Pay. The Interest and Good will of his Business has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

E. VINCENT, Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. have This Day Established a BRANCH of their Firm at Swatow, and have authorized Mr G. D. PITMAN to Sign per Procuration. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself as GENERAL and SHARE BROKER. CARL DENEKE. Office, Bank Buildings, Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS. HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM This Date until further notice, Mr L. HENNEQUIN will assume the Management of the Company's Office at this Port.

H. DE POUEY, Agent.

Hongkong, November 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr ARTHUR CHART in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co. Hongkong, June 18, 1878. del3

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

OHUN AYIN, Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr LEONG YOOK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM, Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail. Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO. The Steamship "CYPRINES" will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 5, 1878. del7

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "YESSO," Capt. S. ASHTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 8th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, December 5, 1878. del8

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN (DIRECT). The Chartered Steamship "KILLARNEY," Captain O'NEIL, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 9th Instant, at 8 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, December 3, 1878. del9

Sailing Vessels.

FOR MELBOURNE & DUNEDIN (N.Z.). The British Bark "HOTSPUR," Capt. SHAW, will have a quick despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight, apply to ROZARIO & Co.

Hongkong, November 11, 1878.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR HAMBURG. The 3/3 L. I. Swedisch Bark "ALMA," O. OHLSSON, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 21, 1878.

FOR LONDON.

(If sufficient inducement offers.) The 4 1 British Ship "COMMISSARY," A. MORISON, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 4 1 British Ship "MIN-Y-DON," Captain LESLIE, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 4 1 British Bark "MONETA," Capt. BISSET, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878. del24

FOR NEW YORK.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.TO-MORROW EVENING,
December 7th, 1878.

FIRST APPEARANCE OF

MR. H. VERNON,
Since his severe indisposition.THE OPERA SEASON BEING
FINISHED,MR. JOHN ROLLINGS
BEGS to announce that he will positively take hisFAREWELL BENEFIT
In Hongkong.To-morrow Evening,
(SATURDAY), December 7th, 1878.

On which occasion will be produced

BENEDICT'S ROMANTIC OPERA

"THE LILY OF KILLARNEY,"

In Four Acts,

With all its Starling Effects.

MISS OLARA STANLEY AS EILY.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

Hardress Oregan, Mr. H. VERNON.
Danny Mann, Mr. H. PHILLIPS.
Myles-na-Coppaleen, Mr. J. ROLLINGS.
Anne Chute, Miss B. DRABER.
Mrs. Oregan, Miss A. DRABER.
Father Tom, Mr. PADDOCK.
Mr. Corrigan, Mr. MACKINNON.
Servant, Miss BEAUMONT.
Shelah, Miss B. DRABER.
Miss O'CONNOR, Miss OLARA STANLEY.

Hunters, &c.

RE-APPEARANCE OF MR. VERNON.

MISS STANLEY and the other LADIES of
the Company kindly give their Services

Gratuitously.

THE CELEBRATED WATER OAVE SCENE WILL
BE PRODUCED IN ITS ENTIRETY, WITH

ALL ITS STARKING EFFECTS.

SYNOPSIS OF SCENERY:

ACT I.

HALL OF TORE OREGAN.

ACT II.

THE GAP OF DUNLOE.

COTTAGE AT MUCKROSS HEAD.

Mr. J. ROLLINGS and Miss B. DRABER
will introduce the celebrated

MRS. MACGOWAN'S REEL.

ACT III.

SCENE 1ST.—EXTERIOR OF TORE

OREGAN.

SCENE 2ND.—MOUNTAIN PASS.

Interval of Five Minutes.

SCENE 3RD.—THE CELEBRATED OAVE

SCENE.

ACT IV.

THE MARRIAGE SCENE.

GENERAL DENOUEMENT.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR, MR. F. PANIELA.

The Operas are produced under the Sole
direction of

MR. H. VERNON.

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at
Messrs. KATZ & Co.'s, where a Plan of the
Theatre may be seen.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle or Orchestra
Stalls, TWO DOLLARS.
Pit, ONE DOLLAR.Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen
cannot be admitted.

Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de8

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

NORWEGIAN S.S. HAKON
ADELSTEIN, FROM NAGASAKI.CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are hereby requested
to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-
signed for countersignature, and to take im-
mediate delivery of their Goods.Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Underigned for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery.
This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.

Ex "Pet Ho."

N.M.E. (in diamond) 54/6 Imp. Aldridge
V.S.O. Salmon & Co., from London, 2 cases
Millinery.K.J. (in diamond) 10. Order, 1 case Haber-
L.S.O. dachery, from London.J.B.E. 12. Order, 1 case Flannel, from
London.S.J.O. 256. Order, 1 case Marino, from
London.

Hongkong, December 5, 1878.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Cyphrenes, having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees of
Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
with the exception of Opium, are being
landed, at their risk by Messrs. NORTON
& Co., into the Godowns of Messrs. TURNER
& Co., whence delivery may be obtained.
Consignees wishing to receive their
Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless notice to the contrary be given
before 5 p.m., To-day.No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining after the 12th Instant will be
subject to rent.No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned byADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 5, 1878. de12

BRITISH STEAMER COMMON-
WEALTH, FROM YOKOHAMA AND
HIOGO.THE above Steamer having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are requested to send in
their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for
countersignature, and to take im-
mediate delivery of their Goods from along-
side.Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Steamer will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.MEYER & Co.
Agents.

Hongkong, December 3, 1878. de7

To-day's Advertisements.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

THE Company's Steamer "JOHANG,"
leaving this Port for CANTON TO-
MORROW, 7th Instant, at 8 a.m., will
return from CANTON SUNDAY, 8th Inst.,
Starting at 8.30 a.m.BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de7

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERLY ROOM, 6th December, 1878.

THE CORPS will PARADE on MONDAY
EVENING, the 9th Instant, at
9 o'clock, on the VOLUNTEER PARADE
GROUND.A. COXON,
Captain-Commandant H. K. V.

GARRISON THEATRE.

BY kind permission of His Excellency
the Major General Commanding,
PROFESSOR MARCO VITZ
will give his First Performance of the
latest WONDERS in MAGIC and his feat
in the MYSTERIOUS CABINET, pulling the
greatest scientific men of the day, at theGARRISON THEATRE,
ONTUESDAY EVENING,
the 10th Instant.

Doors Open at 8.30, and Begin at 9 o'clock.

Tickets to be had at the Doors of the
Theatre.ADMISSION:
Reserved Seats, \$1.00
Second Class, 50
Back Seats, 25
Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de11

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"SINDH,"
Commandant BRUNET, will be
despatched for SRANGHAI
shortly after her arrival from Europe.L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, December 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"TANANIS,"
Commandant DE LA MARCELLE,
will be despatched for YOKO-
HAMA shortly after the arrival of the next
French Mail from Europe.L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, December 6, 1878.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
AMPTON AND LONDON.ALSO
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
"GEELONG," Captain C. FRASER, will
leave this on SATURDAY, the 21st De-
cember, at Noon.For further Particulars, apply to
A. MEYER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de21

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY.

The Steamship
"ESMERALDA,"
Capt. CULLEN, will be de-
spatched for the above Port
TO-MORROW, the 7th Instant, at 10 a.m.For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de7

FOR HOIHOW.

The Steamship
"ALBAY,"
Capt. F. ASHTON, will be de-
spatched for the above Port
on SUNDAY, the 8th Instant, at Daylight.For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAURENCE & Co.,
Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de8AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVA-
TION COMPANY.FOR COOKTOWN, SYDNEY AND
MELBOURNE.Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Aus-
tralian and New Zealand Ports,
TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.The Departure of the Char-
tered Steamship
"MECOA,"
Captain MORNEY, is POST-
PONED until MONDAY the 9th Instant,
at 3 p.m.For Freight or Passage, apply to
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,
Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de9FOR LONDON,
SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.The Steamship
"GREENHORN,"
Capt. GABSON, expected
here on the 14th Instant, will
have quick despatch as above.For Freight or Passage, apply to
AKDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Hongkong, December 6, 1878.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
"FROKOLA,"
Schultz, Master, will have
immediate despatch as above.For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 6, 1878.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.THE S.S. Heron having arrived from
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo
are hereby informed that their Goods
being landed at their risk into the Godowns
of the Underigned, whence and/or from the
Wharf or Boats delivery may be ob-
tained.Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless notice to the contrary be given
before 4 p.m. To-day.Cargo remaining undelivered after the
12th Instant will be subject to rent.No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned bySIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, November 6, 1878. no13

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.THE S.S. Moray having arrived from
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo
are hereby requested to send in their Bills
of Lading to the Underigned for counter-
signature, and to take immediate delivery
of their Goods.Cargo impeding the discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de13

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:GRANIE, British bark, Captain Kay—
Russell & Co.FONTEWAY, British ship, Capt. Geo. B.
Taylor—Arnold, Karberg & Co.COMBESARY, British ship, Captain A.
Morrison—Meyer & Co.GITANILLA, British bark, Captain
Wallace—Captain.ALEPPO, British bark, Captain Robert
Falconer—Captain.FANNY, French bark, Captain E. M.
Goupy—Landstein & Co.NAPIER, British bark, Capt. W. L.
Bryar—Messageries Maritimes.FREDERICK, British bark, Capt. J.
Cowper—Olyphant & Co.EARL OF DEVON, British bark, Captain
James Beer—Captain.TAIWAN, German bark, Captain C. Jes-
sen—Arnold, Karberg & Co.CELEST AND, British bark, Capt. W.
S. Hawkins—Olyphant & Co.HAMBURG, German bark, Captain H.
von Kroge—Edward Schellhaus & Co.ANNIE S. HALL, American bark, Capt.
Chas. H. Nelson—Captain.PELHAM, British brig, Captain H. M.
Ackford—Captain.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 6, Albany, British steamer, 366, F.
Ashton, Hoibow Dec. 8, General—
DOUGLAS LAURENCE & Co.Dec. 5, Feronia, German steamer, 1115,
H. Schultze, Hamburg Oct. 26, via ports of
call, and Singapore Nov. 26, General—
SIEMSEN & Co.Dec. 6, Esmeralda, British steamer, 389,
R. Cullen, Manila Dec. 8, General—
RUSSELL & Co.Dec. 6, Quarta, German steamer, 731,
P. Hays, Saigon Nov. 26, General—SOER
SHING.Dec. 6, Moray, British steamer, 1427,
Butcher, Calcutta Nov. 20, via Penang, and
Singapore 28, 3.30 p.m., General—JAR-
DINE, MATHESON & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 6, Aleppo, for Chiofo.

6, Wodan, for Gnam.

6, Alorton, for Singapore.

6, Mary Fraser, for New York.

6, Chinkiang, for Shanghai.

6, Pelham, for Keelung.

6, Diamante, for Manila.

CLEARED.

Yotting, for Swatow.

Esmeralda, for Amoy.

Cyphrenes, for Shanghai.

Presto, for Manila.

Catharina, for Guam.

Agamemnon, for London, &c.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Feronia, from Hamburg, &c., Miss
T. Piersdorf, Mr. Homenie, and 5 Chinese.Per Moray, from Calcutta, &c., Mrs.
Sedgfield, and 285 deck.Per Albany, from Hoibow, 1 Saloon, and
40 Chinese deck.Per Esmeralda, from Manila, 78 Chinese,
and 3 Europeans.

Per Quarta, from Saigon, 77 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Diamante, for Manila, Mrs. Roush
and 2 children, Messrs. T. Hagemann, Carl
Stande, J. S. Edger, and F. G. Collins, and
77 Chinese.

Per Alorton, for Straits, 20 Chinese.

Per Chinkiang, for Shanghai, 30 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per Yotting, for Swatow, 200 Chinese.

Per Esmeralda, for Amoy, 100 Chinese.

Per Cyphrenes, for Shanghai, 12 Euro-
peans.Per Agamemnon, for Singapore, &c., 11
Europeans, 363 Chinese, and 2 Distressed
Seamen.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Albany reports: Left
Hoibow on the 3rd, having experienced
light North-easterly winds and fine weather
throughout. In port, str. Conquest.The German steamer Feronia reports:
Calcutta up to Pulo Condore, from thence to
port fresh monsoon.The German steamer Quarta reports:
From Saigon to Cape Madagan fine weather,
from thence to Cape Yarela heavy gale from
North, and on the 29th a very typhoonish
Barometer 29.60. From Cape Yarela to
port fresh monsoon with very high sea.The British steamer Moray reports:
Fine weather to Singapore, from thence up
fresh monsoon with very heavy sea. Dec.
2nd, spoke ship Salamis, from Shanghai to
Port Philip, in lat. 10.23 N., long. 109.57 E.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For AMOY.—
Per Esmeralda, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow,
the 7th inst.For HOIHOW.—
Per Albany, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 7th
inst.For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOOW.—
Per Yero, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the
7th inst.For COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, MEL-
BOURNE, &c.—
Per Meosa, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday,
the 9th inst., instead of as previous-
ly notified.For PORT DARWIN.—
Per Killarney, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday,
the 9th inst.For BANGKOK.—
Per Rajahmattam, at 3.30 p.m., on
Tuesday, the 10th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet Anadyr will
be despatched from Hongkong on
THURSDAY, the 12th December,
with Mails to and through the United
Kingdom and Europe, via Mar-
cellus; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia,
Galle, Pondicherry, Madras,
Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and
Alexandria.The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:—Wednesday, 11th December.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post
Office closes except the NIGHT BOX,
which remains open all night.Thursday, 12th December.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late
Letters.11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only)
may be posted on payment of a
to Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage,
until11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.

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MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet Geelong
will be despatched with Mails for the
Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah,
Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta,
Gibraltar, Europe, and countries served
through London, on SATURDAY,
the 21st Instant.N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the
Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa,
nor for Mauritius.The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:—Friday, 20th Instant.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.6 p.m., Post Office closes except the NIGHT
Box, which remains open all night.Saturday, 21st Instant.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late
Letters. Registry ceases.10.15 a.m., Letters (but Letters only)
may be posted on payment of a
to Late Fee of 18 cents extra
postage till11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only)
addressed to the United Kingdom
via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may be
posted on board the Packet with
Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage,
till11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally
closed.

Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de21

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

8 a.m.—Tahiti leaves for Canton.

10 a.m.—Esmeralda leaves for Amoy.

Afternoon.—Cyphrenes leaves for Shang-
hai, &c.

of the audience it would be risky to speculate on a dollar being found amongst them. The stock in trade of the mountebanks who undertake to enlighten the minds, heal the bodies or gladden the eyes of the Celestial race would astonish our friends at the other side of the globe. Charms, plasters (to cure all ills), blood, snakes dried and living, teeth, pictures from European illustrated papers and photographs of Chinese beauties, appear to comprise the sum total; while the doctors have a small assortment of herbs, powders, and fluids the use or names of which would puzzle the scientific heads of the whole of Europe. One worthy we saw holding forth on the beauties of the human frame, and beneficial effects of athletic exercises. He posed himself in the most picturesque attitudes to illustrate what he was endeavouring to explain to his admiring audience, and would occasionally grasp a stool, swing it round his head, and throwing himself into a graceful but aggressive attitude, call the attention of his audience to the Achilles-like nature of his muscles and sinews. Another use to which the Recreation Ground appears to be placed is that of a public latrine, and consequently the odours arising from this cause are most offensive. The Police should see to this, and a watchman should be constantly on the spot to arrest persons offending in this way. We certainly think that, unless as a breathing place for the pestiferous neighbourhood of Tai-ping-shan, the Chinese Recreation Ground as such is rather a failure.

HONG & Co's Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 30th November, 1878.—
Arrivals During the Week.—Nov. 24, Kwang Tung, from Hongkong; 24, China, from Amoy; 24, Johanna Kremer, from Nanchang; 25, Quikstep, from Shanghai; 25, Yesso, from Hongkong.
Departures During the Week.—Nov. 23, E. C. Mutch, for Keelung; 24, Haeting, for Shanghai; 24, Vulcan, for London and Hamburg; 27, Glamorganshire, for London; 27, Kwang Tung, for Hongkong; 27, Maupoe, for Shanghai.
Shipping in Port.—August, Christian, China, Johanna Kremer, Quikstep, Haeting, Yesso.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams taken from the *Straits Times* of 28th Nov. are now to us:—
SOCIALISM IN ITALY.
Rome, Nov. 27.—There is a widespread Socialist agitation throughout the country and many arrests are being made.
AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY.
Vienna, Nov. 27.—During a Lovén given by the President of the Hungarian Council of Ministers at which Count Andrássy was present, a bomb was thrown, but exploded outside the building and nobody was hurt.

The following telegraphic news are taken from the *Calcutta Englishman* of the 16th:—
Mandaly, Nov. 6.—The King was crowned to-day, and married to the eldest and second daughter of the former head queen. The people are anything but enthusiastic over the event; and, although things are apparently quiet, there is in reality a conspiracy afoot everywhere.
Bombay, Nov. 13.—The Hall Line Steamer *Wistow Hall*, which arrived here yesterday evening, made the passage out from Liverpool in 28½ days, the fastest passage on record.

London, Nov. 14.—The *Times* publishes a note, extending over five columns, from Sir Bartle Frere, dated January 1875, in reply to a Memorandum from Sir John Lawrence, dated November 1874. The *Times* considers that it clearly forecasts all the Government has done since, and the best way to guard the Empire against Russian advance was considered to be a friendly and protecting influence over Afghanistan, which country should preserve its independence, hold a position like that of Belgium or Holland, and form a buttress against Russia. Sir Bartle Frere urges the importance of there being an English, and not a Native, Agent at Kabul.
London, Nov. 15.—Mr Gladstone has pointed out the inconsistency of Lord Beaconsfield's remarks at the Guildhall relative to the North-West frontier, and denounces the idea of rectification. Mr Gladstone says the best barrier against Russian aggression in Europe would be the establishment of local autonomy.
The Russian General Ruzhickoff has replaced Count Stollhoff at Kabul. Consols yesterday closed at 95½, being a fall of one-eighth.

Police Intelligence.

6th Dec., 1878.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

Chan Aho, a cook, on board the British barque *Edith*, was fined £10 or 21 days' hard labour for being drunk and disorderly and using abusive language on board his vessel.

THE BOLD "LOOK-ON."

Lam Ping Ching, a constable, No. 183, stationed at Yowmaitee, was charged by Inspector Cameron with cutting and wounding Lan Akow, a married woman and Pui Akow, a fellow constable, No. 160. The wounded persons are both in hospital, and Inspector Cameron asked for a remand until Monday, the 9th instant, to allow of their being able to appear. The affray appears to have arisen through jealousy, the instrument used being a fan dagger, an instrument which promises to figure pretty frequently in quarrels in China. It would be well if they were confiscated wherever discovered, and the persons in whose possession they are found should be punished for being in possession of unlawful weapons. The defendant in the present case is a strong powerful-looking fellow, and he is within a few months of completing his ten years' service.

(Before J. J. Francis, Esq.)
CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT FROM THE STAMP OFFICE.
Cheung Ahing, a Stamp Revenue Office coolie, was charged with embezzling \$41, the property of Her Majesty the Queen.
Mr Alfred Lister, the Collector of Stamp Revenue, said that prisoner was employed as a press-man for the purpose of impressing stamps on paper brought to the Office for that purpose. There are, (he said), three presses in one room in the Post Office building. There are two sets of dies, which are kept in iron safes of which I have the keys. I give out a set of dies for the day, at 10 o'clock in the morning of each day to the prisoner, when the clerk arrives, who goes up with him to the press-room. The dies are returned to me at 3 p.m. No one else is allowed to go into the room. The prisoner and the clerk have orders not to leave the room between the hours of 10 and 3. All papers requiring to be stamped are sent up through the shroff. I have made a careful examination of the impressions on the papers (thirty-nine in all). I am confident in my own mind that they are impressions of the Stamp Office dies and no other dies. One reason why I feel confident that the Stamp Office dies have been used in this, that the stamps correspond with the dies we were using in August. There are two sets of dies, each set being in use for a month, and they are different sizes, so that the size of the stamp differs each month. The dies used in August were those of the larger and worse set. With the small dies, I have made careful examination of the cash book and ledger and find that out of the thirty-nine pieces of paper fifteen of them at least have not been stamped in the legitimate way. I produce two sheets stamped \$1.50, dated August 20th. On that day, according to the books and papers, no stamps of that value were issued; there may have been stamps of that value issued on printed forms.
In reply to his Worship witness said:—I charge the prisoner for several reasons, because the prisoner had the opportunity. Mr d'Almeida was absent at his trial, and Mr d'Almeida has been 14 years in the Government and 10 in the Post Office. The prisoner has only been 2 years in the service. Another reason is that Mr d'Almeida gives heavy security for his good conduct, and the prisoner none. Then again the impression appears to have been made by some person afraid to make a noise; the impressions are very faint. Mr d'Almeida would have no reason to be afraid of being heard working the press, as anyone would conclude he was working the leather. I also think that he would have made better impressions, being an old stamper. Mr d'Almeida bears a very good character. If he had wished to commit a fraud some years ago, he could have done so with perfect safety, as it is only owing to the improvements which I have made in keeping the accounts that I am able to speak so positively as at present. I would like the case remanded until the summons case be disposed of.
Mr Francis said that he was not quite clear that the prisoner, even if guilty of the offence with which he was charged, could be convicted of embezzlement; and he (Mr Francis) would, if he remanded the case, ask the opinion of the Attorney General. He would also not feel justified in refusing the prisoner reasonable bail.
Mr Lister said he had no objection whatever to the prisoner being admitted to bail.
The case was finally remanded until Friday next, the 13th instant, at 10 o'clock, the prisoner being admitted to bail in two sureties of \$100 each.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF STAMPED PAPER.
Teoi Chiu, a coke dealer, was then charged with the unlawful possession of stamped paper, improperly obtained from the Stamp Office, and selling it to a man named Teo Kah for \$16. Defendant denied having had the paper in his possession, and the case was remanded until Monday, the 9th instant, at 2 p.m.

Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchanges.)
The Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China, will start in a few days a branch office here.

The British Consul of Manila, Mr Palgrave, will not return to this port in consequence of his having been appointed for Bulgaria, for which place he left in Sept. last from England. It is not yet known who will succeed Mr Palgrave at Manila.
In accordance with the decision arrived at by the Board of Health the other day, the American ship *Gracely*, which left Yokohama on the 3rd November, upon her arrival here on Nov. 25, was put in quarantine, owing to cholera prevailing at that port. The said vessel was, by permission of the authorities, allowed to come into port on the following day. The *Gracely* experienced heavy weather since the 13th, and on the 16th, was off Bolinao, with such sea and rain that the Captain had never met with, accompanied by a violent wind from the S.W., which continued until the 18th, when she reached the N. of Cape Bojador. She also reports having seen no vessel during the whole passage.
The steamer *Buhian*, as regards whose safety some doubts were entertained owing to the typhoon which was reported to have occurred on the 14th, 15th and 16th, on the N. coast of Luzon, arrived at Manila on the 25th ult. She reports having been caught in the vortex of the hurricane of the 14th, 15th and 16th, during which the vessel was labouring heavily and shipped much water, the fire in the last furnace was extinguished on the morning of the 16th, she being at this time in lat. 13.6 N. and long. 126.6 E. of San Fernando. At 11 a.m. same day a boat was carried away, as well as all the awnings. The water in the engine room and coal bunk was pumped out, while the weather was improving, and at 10 a.m. of Sunday 17th they succeeded in lighting the fire in two furnaces; the engine resuming its work by 3 p.m., and before night set in the other two furnaces were lighted, and proceeded on the voyage, arriving at Aparri at 4 p.m. on the 18th. The vessel suffered some slight damages, and part of the cargo was jettisoned during the worst part of the voyage.

The British barque *Oberdale*, Captain Holdich, arrived here on the 26th Nov., with 1825 pounds rice, from Higo.
The American barque *Elmbrandy*, left for New York on the 26th Nov.
The following are the charters effected up to the 30th November:—
Belton Will, British barque, for London, hemp at \$1.15 per ton.
Conakyle, Brit. ship, for London, hemp at \$1.15 per ton.

Coldingham, British ship, has left for Singapore under owner's order.
Granada, Amer. ship, to load sugar in full at Hilo to New York, under charter effected at the latter port.

SINGAPORE.

(Singapore Daily Times, Nov. 28.)
Dates from Bangkok come down to the 20th instant. H. E. Sir William Robinson and party arrived off the bar of the Meinam river in H.M.S. *Modeste*, on the morning of Monday the 18th instant, and were to leave Bangkok on their return here on Tuesday, the 26th instant. His Excellency is expected here next Sunday. The reception of the Mission by His Majesty appears to have been of the most friendly and distinguished character. Elsewhere will be found the official programme, specially drawn up by order of the King, of the proceedings of each day for the entertainment of His Excellency and party and the investiture of the King with the highest insignia of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

No further news has transpired regarding the Dindings affair, but every hope is entertained that all concerned in the atrocity will be satisfactorily brought to condign punishment. Another Chinaman, believed to have been one of the band, was arrested in North Canal Road here last Saturday. The conduct of the Police at the Pankore Station still remains a mystery, and here a word of explanation seems necessary. Pankore Island and the Dindings on the mainland, although British Territory, have been, for convenient administration, under the direct control of the Perak Government, that is, H. M. Resident in Perak. But the policemen at Pankore Island, who behaved in such a dastardly manner, and who are believed to have been accomplices in, or at least to have connived at, the attack, formed no part of the Perak Police Force, who are all Sikhs. They were all Klings engaged in Penang. This explanation is due to the Perak Police Force, who have been trained by Captain Swinbourne of H. M. 28th Regiment, and who are believed to be thoroughly efficient, trustworthy and reliable.

With regard to Perak, the suitability of its soil for planting enterprises seems to be exciting more and more attention every day. Five or six more planters from Ceylon are now in the State examining its soil, and elsewhere will be found discussions and correspondence upon the subject. Johore also is following suit. The Maharajah has offered Mr Buchanan, private secretary of the Governor of Ceylon and formerly a planter, £1,000 a year to become a sort of Minister of Lands for Johore, and he is expected here in the beginning of next year, accompanied by four or five more planters to explore Johore.
Two fires occurred during the week, but were mastered without damage being done. One broke out early on Sunday morning in Market Street, and was confined to the old house in which it originated, which, however, was burnt down. The other took place about midday on Tuesday last on board the steamer *William Mackinnon* while in New Harbour Dock for repairs. It was discovered early, and by the energetic efforts of the crew, the Dock officials, and Captain Worsley and crew of the Telegraph steamer *Edinburgh*, was quickly subdued.
H. M. S. *Narado*, Captain Lewis, returned here from Hongkong on the morning of Tuesday the 26th instant en route for home.

MALACCA, 24th Nov.

H. M. S. *Iron Duke*, which arrived here last Tuesday morning with Vice Admiral Cocke on board, left this for Penang the same evening. The Admiral landed during the forenoon and was received by a Guard of 60 men of H. M. 28th Regt., under the command of Lieut. Pilkington, and a salute of 17 guns was fired on the Admiral's landing.

The monotony of this benighted Settlement has been relieved during this week, first by the giving of a Grand Ball and Supper, by your much esteemed and wealthy citizen, Mr Tan Beng Swee, on the night of the 22nd instant, at the Stadt House here, and secondly by the dulcet strains of the band of H. M. 28th Regiment, who played on the Esplanade here, for about two hours last evening. H. H. the Maharajah of Johore, G.C.M.G., K.C.I.E., honored the Ball with his presence, wearing the insignia of the Prussian Order lately presented to him by the Emperor of Germany (through the German Consul at Singapore), together with that of the Order of the Star of India, with jewelled decorations of those Orders, as also that of St. Michael and St. George. His Highness opened the Ball, about 10 p.m., by dancing a Quadrille with Mrs. Shaw, the Hon'ble Captain Shaw dancing with Mrs. Collingwood, Captain Collingwood with Mrs. Velge, and Mr Velge with Miss Shaw. Dancing was kept up with unflagging spirit until about 4 a.m. when all, both old and young, seemed pretty well "played out," and the Ball broke up. Everything seemed to go off remarkably well, save and except some little mistake made in the preparation of the dancing floor, which was found to be somewhat cohesive, instead of smooth to the feet of the dancers.

The only toast given at supper was one proposed by the Hon. Captain Shaw, Lieut. Governor, in a short but appropriate speech and was to the health and happiness of the Bride and Bridegroom, which toast was responded to by Mr. Tan Beng Swee, in the Malay language. There were about 300 persons present at the Ball, including several wealthy Celestials, and all present appeared to have spent a most enjoyable evening. Mr Tan Beng Swee, the host, is richly deserving of the warmest and most cordial thanks of all the guests present for his kindness and hospitality.
I must not forget to mention that the Ball Room was very tastefully decorated with flags and evergreens, which reflected great credit upon the person or persons who had the management or supervision of the same. Some of the Privates of the 28th Regt. were vigorously and strenuously at work for two or three mornings in fixing up the decorations, hanging up the lamps, &c., and it is to be hoped that they will be properly rewarded for their trouble, which doubtless they will be by the generous and liberal-minded Chinese gentleman who gave the Ball and Supper in commemoration of the marriage of his eldest son.

If the report be true, the chief of the Chinese Embassy now in this country is a shrewd observer, and withal has been a great admirer of the Chinese in America. He would get back to China, he replied, "They will all go to Ireland; that is the only country that the Irish do not rule."—*Foreign Mail.*

JOINTINGS ON CHINA.

The word 娼婦 is a strange word and deserves some examination. The term really means daughter-in-law, i.e. wife of a son, but it seems to be passing through many phases. For instance, in Foochow it means not only a daughter-in-law but one who is about to become a daughter-in-law, and hence a woman about to be married, whether her swain has a father living or not. In Canton the word has precisely the same meaning. For instance, "The Smiths have a marriage going on at their house" 張家娶媳婦. In Peking all trace of the original meaning has disappeared, and in the colloquial 娼婦 means a wife, be she new or old. Students from the north are often very startled when they find out the purely local meaning of the word they are using. It is remarkable, too, that both in the Foochow and Canton colloquial the word has become extensively modified. "In Foochow, sing pu" or she takes the place of "she" (using Baldwin's and Williams' spelling in each case). It is very probable however that 新 (sing and san, respectively) is the real character which should be used, for in both dialects 新人 means "a bride." Before a p the san might easily corrupt itself into sam.
Bullion is conveyed to Peking in "sheaths" 鞘, which are nothing more than rounded logs about three feet in length and circumference. Each log contains Tls. 3,000, or £1,000, and is split into two portions, which are then hollowed out for the reception of the silver. Of course these halves fit most accurately together and cannot possibly be tampered with. The chink is pasted round with a fine strong paper [紗紙] and this is carefully stamped. The logs are then bound with iron clamps and are ready for the roughest usage. Sometimes the halves are separately manufactured.
Peking Gazettes are sent to the Provinces every two days by the Forwarding Agent 提唐 at Peking. Sixty leaves is the regulation size of each volume. The Provincial 提唐 who is generally a military 舉人 at once sends the original copy or copies (how many are received) to the Viceroy and Governor. It is doubtful whether the Treasurer and Judge are permitted to see it. After skimming over the volume, which contains all decrees and memorials of Imperial interest, it is handed back to the 提唐 for filing. Six important sheets are chosen and given to the local printers to be copied for circulation. These are printed with movable type, and distributed by numerous agents. It is also the duty of the Provincial 提唐 to forward these reduced copies to the prefects and magistrates in the country. The subscription-price at Canton is from eighteen pence to two shillings a month if the Gazettes are kept, and from sixpence to one shilling if called for next day. These second-hand copies are again distributed by the country agents.

The minutes endorsed by Viceroy and Governors upon Petitions conclude with a term the use of which seems peculiar to their rank, i.e. 批發, and meaning probably is "Return [after copying] the Petition," but we are not sure.—*Cochin Herald.*

THE RUSSIAN MISSION AT CABUL.

The *Temps* publishes the translation of a letter from Tashkend in the *Russki Mir*, giving an account of General Stollhoff's Mission to Cabul:—
The object of the Mission is said to have been to establish commercial relations with Afghanistan and India, and to thank Shere Ali for the manner in which he had behaved towards Russia during the Russo-Turkish war. The Mission arrived at Cabul on Aug. 11, and by the Amir's orders was quartered in a wing of his own palace. On the following day the Mission was solemnly received by the Amir, surrounded by his Ministers and household. He was most courteous, and ordered his Ministers to show the Russians all that was worth seeing. He gave the Mission several gala dinners, and held a grand review in their honour. It is said that at Cabul itself there are 40,000 men. The regiments were mostly the same uniform as that of the British army. The infantry have English breechloaders, and the artillery have also a great number of breechloading guns. Shere Ali, to show how high a value he set upon the friendship of Russia, asked General Stollhoff whether he would take back with him to Tashkend Afghan delegates to thank General Kauffmann for the great honour done to the Amir. This deputa-tion has arrived at Tashkend. The chief of the Mission of the Interior, Mohammed Mohammed Hassan Khan, he looks about forty, has a thick black beard, and wears a light cloth Afghan. The personal aide-de-camp of Shere Ali, two staff officers, and a treasurer also form part of the deputa-tion. On Sept. 17 the deputa-tion was received by General Kauffmann at his country house. The Envoy spoke in Persian, but his utterance was so rapid that General Stollhoff experienced great difficulty in translating what he said. A gala performance took place at the Tashkend Theatre in honour of the Afghans, and there is to be a grand review. It is said that they will proceed to St. Petersburg. General Stollhoff left for Livadia on Sept. 22. The Afghan Minister remained at Tashkend, awaiting General Stollhoff's return from the Crimean Palace of the Czar.
The news of a previous Afghan Mission, given by German papers, is untrue. They must refer to a Mission from the Amir of Bokhara to offer General Kauffmann to supply him with telegraph posts gratis for the establishment of telegraphic communication between Bokhara and Tashkend.

PROJECTED TREATY BETWEEN RUSSIA AND TURKEY.

The following is the substance of the provisions of the new Treaty proposed by Russia to the Porte for the settlement of questions pending between the two Powers:—
Article I. sets forth the usual formal assurances as to the future maintenance of eternal peace and amity between the two Governments.
Art. II. The Czar and Sultan alike engage to respect all the stipulations of the Berlin Treaty.
Art. III. The contracting parties likewise engage to respect and execute all those stipulations of the Treaty of San Stefano

which were not abrogated or modified by the Congress of Berlin.
The following principles are laid down as to indemnities, territorial occupation, &c.:—
Art. IV. (a) The Porte shall pay an indemnity of 300,000,000 francs, exclusive of territorial concessions.
(b) The Porte shall pay an indemnity of 10,000,000 francs to Russian subjects whose interests have been injured.
(c) The Porte shall pay to the Danube International Commission 500,000 francs for the purpose of putting into a proper state the Sulina Channel, and shall accept any further outlay for repairing the damages caused by the military operations.
(d) In the territories ceded to Russia the Mussulman inhabitants shall, during a term of three years, have full liberty to sell their property and emigrate to Turkey.
(e) In the territory temporarily occupied by Russian troops the existing administration shall continue, and the Porte shall not interfere therein till the expiration of the term agreed on.
(f) At the expiration of this term the Russian troops will retire, according to the treaties, in an order which will be determined by special convention to be hereafter concluded.
(g) The Turkish authorities shall not, after the retirement of the Russians, seize the inhabitants who may be supposed to have compromised themselves.
(h) A general amnesty will be granted to all Bulgarians and others who are, justly or unjustly, supposed to have shown sympathy with and given assistance to the Russians, and all who are at present imprisoned on such charges will be at once liberated.

Art. V. All previous treaties and stipulations, in so far as they are not affected by the present act, will remain in force and be duly respected by both contracting parties.
Art. VI. For all matters of detail (which probably refers to claims of Russian against Turkish subjects and vice versa) arbitrators will be appointed.
This document is as yet merely a project, and will be submitted to the Turkish Ministers for examination. Some convention of the kind must be made, for the Treaty of San Stefano was "preliminary," and a great part of it was not affected by the Treaty of Berlin.—*Times.*

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

A very important decision in regard to electric lighting was taken the other day by the Metropolitan Board of Works. At the end of last June a committee of the Board was requested to consider and report on the advisability of making an experiment with the electric light on the Thames Embankment. Shortly after its appointment the committee received an offer from a French company, entitled the "Société Générale d'Electricité," to supply them with an electric battery, together with twenty lamps and fittings, for the purpose of carrying out the proposed experiment, on the condition that the Board provided at its own cost the necessary motive power and defrayed the other incidental expenses. On Oct. 21 the committee presented its report, and recommended that this offer should be accepted. They proposed that arrangements should be made without delay to test the value of the electric light upon the Thames Embankment, and subsequently, if considered desirable, upon Waterloo Bridge, and that advantage should be taken of the offer made by the French company. An animated debate arose on the proposal of the committee, but ultimately their report was adopted. In a short time, therefore, the public will be able to judge for itself of the merits of the new mode of lighting from actual experiment made on a scale not unworthy of a great metropolis like London. The subject of the electric light was also before the City Commission of Sewers a day or two since, when a report unfavourable to its use in the City, on account of the cost, was presented by Mr Haywood, the engineer to the Commission. This report was adopted, but it was decided to experiment with the light in front of the Royal Exchange and on the Embankment. The City offices have already been lighted by the electric light, the invention adopted being that of Mr. Rapley. On the first important trial six lights were kept burning in one circuit, and in the presence of Lord Richard Grosvenor and a large party of gentlemen, they were blown out and instantly reignited automatically. The lights were lowered just the same as in the case of ordinary gas. They were put out altogether, and each one separately, at the desire of the spectators. The office is, it is said, to be completely lighted up with the electric light. It is stated that Mr Edison's patents for the sub-division of the electric light were filed in the Patent Office in London on Oct. 23, and that as soon as the legal formalities have been completed the experiments with the invention will be made publicly.

DOUBLE PIANOS.

At the Covent Garden Promenade Concerts, on Oct. 21, a new instrument was played for the first time, for which its promoters claim the proud title of "pianoforte of the future."
The most striking feature is sufficiently indicated by the name "double" pianoforte; there being two keyboards instead of one, and in connection with these, two separate actions. The double keyboard is, of course, not absolutely new; every ordinary organ possesses it. But a little careful watching of the player's hands will discover to the veriest tyro in music that the peculiarities of the new instrument do not end here. For these hands, as they slide from the lower to the higher board, and vice versa, will be found to produce notes of a very different nature, the corresponding keys of the two boards being, in fact, placed in reversed order to each other. To speak more plainly, on the lower keyboard the notes follow in the ordinary sequence on proceeding from low to high, but on the upper keyboard this order is reversed, the low octaves being on the right and the high octaves on the left hand of the player. The reason for such an arrangement is obvious enough. Supposing a player wishes to execute a succession of notes with the left hand alone. He would in that case begin at the extreme left of the lower keyboard, proceed to about the middle, and then transfer his hand to the higher keyboard and play back again from right to left. The right hand would perform the same operation in converse order, beginning in the right corner of the upper board and ending in that of the lower. In consequence, each hand has the whole range of an ordinary pianoforte at its command without the player shifting his position by an inch. It also becomes possible for the player to double high or low chords, as the

case may be, and thus add to the volume and intensity of the sound. In like manner it will be possible to play passages in which melody and accompaniment approach each other closely with perfect clearness, the two keyboards keeping the hands apart. The awkward crossing of hands will also be avoided. All these are advantages which a virtuoso will appreciate and which will enable him to produce effects all but unattainable on the ordinary piano.

THE NEW LIGHT.—With a view to bringing into more general use the much-talked-of electric light, no fewer than three "limited" companies have for their latest illumination and development of this latest illuminating agent. Two of them—the "Electric Lighting Company" and the "British Electric Light Company"—have registered capitals of £100,000 each, to be divided into shares of £10; while the "Sun Electric Light Company," which proposes to purchase and work the invention of Mr Charles Weightman Harrison, modestly contents itself, for the present, with a proposed issue of £5,000 in £5 shares, taking, however, power to increase. Amongst the names of the original subscribers to the "Electric Light Company" are Emile Erlanger, Lionel Lawson, Sir Philip Rose, John Hollingshead, Charles Ferdinand de Kierkowski Stenard, Robert Jacob Hood, and Robert A. M'Lean. Messrs J. T. Emerson, J. P. E. J. Reed, M. P., Lindner Clark, and Sir Charles Tilston Bright, &c., are included in the list of subscribers to the "British Electric Light Company."—*Financier.*

Quotations.

HONGKONG, December 6, 1878.
OPUM.—New Patna, cash, \$570
" Old Patna, cash, —
" credit, —
" New Benares, cash, 640
" credit, —
" Old Benares, cash, —
" credit, —
" New Malwa, cash, 750
" credit, —
" Allowance Tails, 16
" Old Malwa, cash, —
" credit, —
" Allowance Tails, —

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 3/4
" 30 days' sight, ... 3/4
" 6 months' sight, ... 3/8
Credits, ... 3/8
Documentary, 6 months' sight, 3/8
Bombay, demand Rupees, 221
Calcutta, ... 221
Shanghai, demand, ... 221
" 30 days, ... 221
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ... 110 nom.
Sycee, ... 109
Madras, ... 109
Gold Ls. 99½, ... 27.70
English Sovereigns, ... 5.46
Australian Sovereigns, ... 5.46

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 66 1/2 prem.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,600
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,200
Yangtze Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,200
Chinese Insurance Co., \$240
North China Ins. Co., \$1,250
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$300
China Fire Ins. Co., \$222 1/2
H.K. & W. Dock Co., \$17 1/2 prem.
H.K. & W. S. Boat Co., \$10 prem.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 17
China Coast S. Nav. Co., Tls. 104
Hongkong Gas Co., \$95
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65
China Sugar Refining Co., 150
Chinese Imperial Loan, £109
Do. of 1877, £108

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Palmer & Co's Premises, Queen's Road.)
HONGKONG, December 6, 1878.
BAROMETER.—9 A.M. ... 30.212
Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.100
Do. 4 P.M. ... 30.090
THERMOMETER.—9 A.M. ... 69
Do. 1 P.M. ... 71
Do. 4 P.M. ... 70
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 64
Do. Do. 1 P.M. 66
Do. Do. 4 P.M. 66
Do. Maximum ... 71
Do. Minimum over night 67

Shipping Intelligence.

The followings corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.:—

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGKONG.

When left.	Name.	From.	
Mar.	28, Oracolo	Liverpool	
Apr.	30, Bristolian (s.)	Antwerp	
Apr.	16, Invisible	Penarth	
June	26, Underwriter	Fortress Montee	
July	16, Annie Bow	Newcastle (s.s.w.)	
16, Lorimer	Newcastle (s.s.w.)		
16, Sydenham	London		
21, Stant	Antwerp		
27, Pilgrim	Cardiff		
28, Abby Cooper	Antwerp		
30, Sumatide	Hamburg		
31, Chamer	Cardiff		
Aug.	1, Barry St. Edmunds	Penarth	
7, Alfredo	Cardiff		
8, Urania	Penarth		
10, Corosa	London		
11, Leta	Cardiff		
16, Friedrich	Cardiff		
Sept.	13, Exsolvier	Hamburg	
17, James Shephard	London		
17, Clurranum	Liverpool (via O'Connell)		
22, Coloma	San Francisco		
Oct.	16, Achilles (s.)	Liverpool	
16, Jacobine	Liverpool		
19, Hermann	Bremen		
24, Burnese (s.)	London		

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.

At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal.
Glenyart. Glenorchy.
Glenylea.
Sailing Vessels.
Hopewell. South Milton.
At Liverpool.
Stentor (s.) Hector (s.)
Leon (s.) Cadiz (s.)

of the audience it would be likely to speak on a dollar being found amongst them. The stock in trade of the mountebanks who undertake to enlighten the minds, heal the bodies or gladden the eyes of the Celestial race would astonish our friends at the other side of the globe. Charms, plasters (to cure all ills), blood, snakes dried and living, teeth, pictures from European illustrated papers, and photographs of Chinese beauties, appear to comprise the sum total; while the doctors have a small assortment of herbs, powders, and fluids the use or names of which would puzzle the scientific heads of the whole of Europe. One worthy we saw holding forth on the beauties of the human frame, and beneficial effects of athletic exercises. He posed himself in the most picturesque attitudes to illustrate what he was endeavouring to explain to his admiring audience, and would occasionally grasp a stool, swing it round his head, and throwing himself into a graceful but aggressive attitude, call the attention of his audience to the Achilles-like nature of his muscles and sinews. Another use to which the Recreation Ground appears to be placed is that of a public latrine, and consequently the odours arising from this cause are most offensive. The Police should see to this, and a watchman should be constantly on the spot to arrest persons offending in this way. We certainly think that, unless as a breathing place for the pestiferous neighbourhood of Tai-ping-shan, the Chinese Recreation Ground as such is rather a failure.

Hence & Co's Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 30th November, 1878.—
Arrivals During the Week.—Nov. 24, Kwang Tung, from Hongkong; 24, China, from Amoy; 24, Johanna Kremer, from Newchwang; 25, Quikstep, from Shanghai; 25, Yesso, from Hongkong.

Departures During the Week.—Nov. 23, E. C. Mutch, for Keelung; 24, Hatching, for Shanghai; 24, Vulcan, for London and Hamburg; 27, Glamorgan, for London; 27, Kwang Tung, for Hongkong; 27, Europe, for Shanghai.

Shipping in Port.—August, Christian, China, Johanna Kremer, Quikstep, Hatching, Yesso.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams taken from the Straits Times of 28th Nov. are new to us:—
SOCIALISM IN ITALY.
Rome, Nov. 27.—There is a widespread Socialist agitation throughout the country and many arrests are being made.

AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY.
Vienna, Nov. 27.—During a debate given by the President of the Hungarian Council of Ministers at which Count Andrássy was present, a bomb was thrown, but exploded outside the building and nobody was hurt.

The following telegraphic news are taken from the Calcutta Englishman of the 16th:—

Mandala, Nov. 6.—The King was crowned to-day, and married to the eldest and second daughter of the former head queen. The people are anything but enthusiastic over the event; and, although things are apparently quiet, there is in reality conspiracy rife everywhere.

Bombay, Nov. 13.—The Hall Line Steamer *Wistow Hall*, which arrived here yesterday evening, made the passage out from Liverpool in 28½ days, the fastest passage on record.

London, Nov. 14.—The Times publishes a note, extending over five columns, in reply to a Memorandum from Sir John Lawrence, dated November 1874. The Times considers that it clearly forecasts all the Government has done since, and the best way to guard the Empire against Russian advance was considered to be a friendly and protecting influence over Afghanistan, which country should preserve its independence, hold a position like that of Belgium or Holland, and form a buttress against Russia. Sir John Lawrence urges the importance of there being an English, and not a Native, Agent at Kabul.

London, Nov. 15.—Mr Gladstone has pointed out the inconsistency of Lord Beaconsfield's remarks at the Guildhall relative to the North-West frontier, and denounces the idea of rectification. Mr Gladstone says the best barrier against Russian aggression in Europe would be the establishment of local autonomy.

The Russian General Ragozaoff has replaced Count Stolletoff at Kabul. Consols yesterday closed at 95½, being a fall of one-eighth.

Police Intelligence.

6th Dec., 1878.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

Chan Ah, a cook, on board the British barque *Hilda*, was fined £10 or 21 days' hard labour for being drunk and disorderly and using abusive language on board his vessel.

THE BOLD "LOOK-ONS."

Lam Ping Chung, a constable, No. 163, stationed at Yowmaite, was charged by Inspector Cameron with cutting and wounding—*San Akow*—a married woman and Pun Akow, a fellow constable, No. 160. The wounded persons are both in hospital, and Inspector Cameron asked for a remand until Monday, the 9th instant, to allow of their being able to appear. The affray appears to have arisen through jealousy; the instrument used being a fan dagger, an instrument which promises to figure pretty frequently in quarrels in China. It would be well if they were confiscated wherever discovered, and the persons in whose possession they are found should be punished for being in possession of unlawful weapons. The defendant in the present case is a strong powerful-looking fellow, and he is within a few months of completing his 20 years' service.

(Before J. J. Francis, Esq.)

CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT FROM THE STAMP OFFICE.

Cheung Ahing, a Stamp Revenue Office-cole, was charged with embezzling \$41, the property of Her Majesty the Queen. Mr Alfred Lister, the Collector of Stamp Revenue, said that prisoner was employed as a press-man for the purpose of impressing stamps on paper brought to the Office for that purpose. There are, (he said), three presses in one room in the Post Office building. There are two sets of dies, which are kept in iron safes of which I have the keys. I give out a set of dies for the day at 10 o'clock in the morning of each day to the prisoner, when the clerk arrives, who goes up with him to the press-room. The dies are returned to me at 3 p.m. No one else is allowed to go into the room. The prisoner and the clerk have orders not to leave the room between the hours of 10 and 3. All papers requiring to be stamped are sent up through the shroff. I have made a careful examination of the impressions on the papers (thirty-nine in all). I am confident in my own mind that they are impressions of the Stamp Office dies and no other dies. One reason why I feel confident that the Stamp Office dies have been used is this, that the stamps correspond with the dies we were using in August. There are two sets of dies, each set being in use for a month, and they are different sizes, so that the size of the stamp differs each month. The dies used in August were those of the larger and worse set. The impression for September were made with the small dies. I have made careful examination of the cash book and ledger and find that out of the thirty-nine pieces of paper fifteen of them at least have not been stamped in the legitimate way. I produce two sheets stamped \$1.50, dated August 20th. On that day, according to the books and papers, no stamps of that value were issued; there may have been stamps of that value issued on printed forms.

In reply to his Worship's witness said:—I charge the prisoner for several reasons, because the prisoner had the opportunity. Mr d'Aquino was absent at his trial, and Mr d'Aquino has been 14 years in the Government and 10 in the Post Office. The prisoner has only been 2 years in the service. Another reason is that Mr d'Aquino gives heavy security for his good conduct, and the prisoner none. Then again the impression appears to have been made by some person afraid to make a noise; the impressions are very faint. Mr d'Aquino would have no reason to be afraid of being heard working the press, as anyone would conclude he was working the leather. I also think that he would have made better impressions, being an old stamper. Mr d'Aquino bears a very good character. If he had wished to commit a fraud some years ago, he could have done so with perfect safety, as it is only owing to the improvements which I have made in keeping the accounts that I am able to speak so positively as at present. I would like the case remanded until the summons case be disposed of.

Mr Francis said that he was not quite clear that the prisoner, even if guilty of the offence with which he was charged, could be convicted of embezzlement; and he (Mr Francis) would, if he remanded the case, ask the opinion of the Attorney General. He would also not feel justified in refusing the prisoner reasonable bail.

Mr Lister said he had no objection whatever to the prisoner being admitted to bail. The case was finally remanded until Friday next, the 13th instant, at 10 o'clock, the prisoner being admitted to bail in two sureties of \$100 each.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF STAMPED PAPER.

Tao Chiu, a coke dealer, was then charged with the unlawful possession of stamped paper, improperly obtained from the Stamp Office, and selling it to a man named Tso Kah for \$18. Defendant denied having had the paper in his possession, and the case was remanded until Monday, the 9th instant, at 2 p.m.

Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchanges.)
The Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China, will start in a few days a branch office here.

The British Consul of Manila, Mr Palgrave, will not return to this port in consequence of his having been appointed for Bulgaria, for which place he left in Sept. last from England. It is not yet known who will succeed Mr Palgrave at Manila. In accordance with the decision arrived at by the Board of Health the other day, the American ship *Granada*, which left Yokohama on the 3rd November, upon her arrival here on Nov. 25, was put in quarantine, owing to cholera prevailing at that port. The said vessel was, by permission of the authorities, allowed to come into port on the following day. The *Granada* experienced heavy weather since the 13th, and on the 16th, was off Bolnisi, with much sea and rain that the Captain had never met with, accompanied by a violent wind from the S.W., which continued until the 18th, when she reached the N. of Cape Bojador. She also reports having seen no vessel during the whole passage.

The steamer *Buahan*, as regards whose safety some doubts were entertained owing to the typhoon which was reported to have occurred on the 14th, 15th and 16th, on the N. coast of Luzon, arrived at Manila on the 25th ult. She reports having been caught in the vortex of the hurricane of the 14th, 15th and 16th, during which the vessel was labouring heavily and shipped much water. The fire in the last furnace was extinguished on the morning of the 15th, she being at this time in lat. 18° 6' N. and long. 128° 5' E. of San Fernando. At 11 a.m. same day a boat was carried away, as well as all the awnings. The water in the engine room and coal bunk was pumped out, while the weather was improving, and at 10 a.m. of Sunday 17th they succeeded in lighting the fire in two furnaces; the engine resuming its work by 3 p.m., and before night set in the other two furnaces were lighted, and proceeded on the voyage, arriving at Apurizal at 5 p.m. on the 18th. The vessel suffered some slight damage, and part of the cargo was jettisoned during the worst part of the voyage.

The British barque *Oberdale*, Captain Holdich, arrived here on the 26th Nov., with 1825 piculs rice, from Higo.

The American barque *Elmtrandy* left for New York on the 26th Nov.
The following are the charters offered up to the 30th November:—
Bellevue, British barque, for London, hump at \$1.15 per ton.
Columbelle, Brit. ship, for London, hump at \$1.15 per ton.

Coldingham, British ship, has left for Singapore under owner's order.
Granada, Amer. ship, to load sugar in full at Holo to New York, under charter effected at the latter port.

SINGAPORE.

(Singapore Daily Times, Nov. 28.)
Dates from Bangkok come down to the 20th instant. H. E. Sir William Robinson and party arrived off the bar of the Meinam river in H.M.S. *Modeste*, on the morning of Monday the 18th instant, and were to leave Bangkok on their return here on Tuesday, the 26th instant. His Excellency is expected here next Sunday. The reception of the Mission by His Siamese Majesty appears to have been of the most friendly and distinguished character. Elsewhere will be found the official programme, specially drawn up by order of the King, of the proceedings of each day for the entertainment of His Excellency and party and the investiture of the King with the highest insignia of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

No further news has transpired regarding the Dindings affair, but every hope is entertained that all concerned in the atrocity will be satisfactorily brought to condign punishment. Another Chinaman, believed to have been one of the band, was arrested in North Canal Road here last Saturday. The conduct of the Police at the Pankoro Station still remains a mystery, and here a word of explanation seems necessary. Pankoro Island and the Dindings on the mainland, although British Territory, have been, for convenient administration, under the direct control of the Perak Government, that is, H. M. Resident in Perak. But the police on Pankoro Island, who behaved in such a dastardly manner, and who are believed to have been accomplices in, or at least to have connived at, the attack, formed no part of the Perak Police Force, who are all Sikhs. They were all Klinges engaged in Penang. This explanation is due to the Perak Police Force, who have been trained by Captain Swinbourne of H. M. 28th Regiment, and who are believed to be thoroughly efficient, trustworthy and reliable.

With regard to Perak, the suitability of its soil for planting enterprise seems to be exciting more and more attention every day. Five or six more planters from Ceylon are now in the State examining its soil, and elsewhere will be found discussions and correspondence upon the subject. Johore also is following suit. The Maharajah has offered Mr Buchan, private secretary of the Governor of Ceylon and formerly a planter, £1,000 a year to become a sort of minister in Johore, and he is expected here in the beginning of next year, accompanied by four or five more planters to explore Johore.

Two fires occurred during the week, but were mastered without damage being done. One broke out early on Sunday morning in Market Street, but was confined to the old house in which it originated, which, however, was burnt down. The other took place about mid day on Tuesday last on board the steamer *William Mackinnon* while in New Harbour Dock for repairs. It was discovered early, and by the energetic efforts of the crew, the Dock officials, and Captain Worsley and crew of the Telegraph steamer *Edinburgh*, was quickly subdued.

H. M. S. *Narcissus*, Captain Leing, arrived here from Hongkong on the morning of Tuesday the 26th instant en route for home.

MALACCA, 24th Nov.

H. M. S. *Iron Duke*, which arrived here last Tuesday morning with Vice Admiral Cooke O.B., on board, left this for Penang the same evening. The Admiral landed during the forenoon and was received by a Guard of 60 men of H. M.'s 25th Regt., under the command of Lieut. Pilkington, and a salute of 17 guns was fired on the Admiral's landing.

The monotony of this benighted Settlement has been relieved during this week, first by the giving of a Grand Ball and Supper, by your much esteemed and wealthy citizen, Mr Tan Beng Swee, on the night of the 22nd instant, at the Stadt House here, and secondly by the dulcet strains of the band of H. M.'s 28th Regiment, who played on the Esplanade here, for about two hours last evening. H. H. the Maharajah of Johore, G.C.M.G., K.C.S.I., honored the Ball with his presence, wearing the insignia of the Prussian Order lately presented to him by the Emperor of Germany (through the German Consul at Singapore), together with that of the Order of the Star of India, with jewelled decorations of those Orders, as also that of St. Michael and St. George. His Highness opened the Ball, about 10 p.m., by dancing a Quadrille with Mrs. Shaw, the Hon'ble Captain Shaw dancing with Mrs. Collingwood, Captain Collingwood with Mrs. Volge, and Mr Volge with Miss Shaw. Dancing was kept up with unflagging spirit until about 4 a.m. when all, both old and young, seemed pretty well "played out," and the Ball broke up. Everything seemed to go off remarkably well, save and except some little mistake made in the preparation of the dancing floor, which was found to be somewhat cohesive, instead of smooth to the feet of the dancers.

The only toast given at supper was one proposed by the Hon. Captain Shaw, Lieut. Governor, in a short but appropriate speech and was to the health and happiness of the Bride and Bridegroom, which toast was responded to by Mr. Tan Beng Swee, in the Malay language. There were about 100 persons present at the Ball, including several wealthy Celestials, and all present appeared to have spent a most enjoyable evening. Mr Tan Beng Swee, the host, is richly deserving of the warmest and most cordial thanks of all the guests present for his kindness and hospitality.

I must not forget to mention that the Ball Room was very tastefully decorated with flags and evergreens, which reflected great credit upon the person or persons who had the management or supervision of the same. Some of the Privates of the 28th Regt. were vigorously and strenuously at work for two or three mornings in fixing up the decorations, hanging up the lamps, &c., &c., and it is to be hoped that they will be properly rewarded for their trouble, which doubtless they will be by the generous and liberal-minded Chinese gentleman who gave the Ball and Supper in commemoration of the marriage of his eldest son.

If the report be true, the chief of the Chinese Embassy now in this country is a shrewd observer, and withal, his keen appreciation of humor. Being asked this other day how all the Chinese in America would go back to China, he replied, "They will all go to Ireland; that is the only country that the Irish do not rule."—*Foreign Mail.*

JOTTINGS ON CHINA.

The word 媳婦 is a strange word and deserves some examination. The term really means daughter-in-law, i.e. wife of a son, but it seems to be passing through many phases. For instance, in Foochow it means not only a daughter-in-law but one who is about to become a daughter-in-law, and hence a woman about to be married, whether her fiancé has a father living or not. In Canton the word has precisely the same meaning. For instance, "The Smiths have a marriage going on at their house."

張家娶媳婦. In Peking all trace of the original meaning has disappeared, and in the colloquial 媳婦 means a wife, be she new or old. Students from the north are often very startled when they find out the purely local meaning of the word they are using. It is remarkable, too, that both in the Foochow and Canton colloquial the word has become extensively modified. In Foochow, *sing po* or *mo* takes the place of *se* *ho*; and in Canton *sin* *po* *ho* *mo* (using Baldwin's spelling in each case). It is very probable however that *sin* (ring and *sin* respectively) is the real character which should be used, for in both dialects *新人* means "a bride." Before a *p* the *sin* might easily corrupt itself into *se*.

Bullion is conveyed to Peking in "sheaths" 餅, which are nothing more than rounded logs about three feet in length and circumference. Each log contains Tls. 3,000, or £1,000, and is split into two portions, which are then hollowed out for the reception of the silver. Of course these halves fit most accurately together and cannot possibly be tampered with. The "chink" is pasted round with a fine strong paper [紗紙] and this is carefully stamped. The logs are then bound with iron clamps and are ready for the roughest usage. Sometimes the halves are separately manufactured.

Peking Gazettes are sent to the Provinces every two days by the Forwarding Agent 提塘 at Peking. Sixty leaves is the regulation size of each volume. The Provincial 提塘 who is generally a military 舉人 at once sends the original copy or copies (how many are received) to the Viceroy and Governor. It is doubtful whether the Treasurer and Judge are permitted to see it. After skimming over the volume, which contains all decrees and memorials of Imperial interest, it is handed back to the 提塘 for filing. Six miniature sheets are chosen and given to the local printers to be copied for circulation. These are printed with movable type, and distributed by numerous agents. It is also the duty of the Provincial 提塘 to forward these reduced copies to the prefects and magistrates in the country. The subscription-price at Canton is from eighteen pence to two shillings a month if the Gazettes are kept, and from sixpence to one shilling if called for next day. These second-hand copies are again distributed by the country agents.

The minutes endorsed by Viceroys and Governors upon Petitions conclude with a term the use of which seems peculiar to their rank, i.e. 批發. This means invariably "Return [after copying] the Petition," but we are not sure. —*Foochow Herald.*

THE RUSSIAN MISSION AT CABUL.

The Temps publishes the translation of a letter from Tashkend in the *Ruski Mir*, giving an account of General Stolletoff's Mission to Cabul.

The object of the Mission is said to have been to establish commercial relations with Afghanistan and India, and to thank Shere Ali for the manner in which he had behaved towards Russia during the Russo-Turkish war. The Mission arrived at Cabul on Aug. 14, and by the Amir's orders was quartered in a wing of his own palace. On the following day the Mission was solemnly received by the Amir, surrounded by his Ministers and household. He was most courteous, and ordered his Ministers to show the Russians all that was worth seeing. He gave the Mission several gala dinners, and held a grand review in their honour. It is said that at Cabul itself there are 40,000 men. The regiments were mostly the same uniform as that of the British army. The armament is not so indifferent as has been represented by the English papers. The infantry have English breechloaders, and the artillery have also a great number of breechloading guns. Shere Ali, to show how high a value he set upon the friendship of Russia, asked General Stolletoff whether he would take back with him to Tashkend Afghan delegates to thank General Kauffmann for the great honour done to the Amir. This deputation has arrived at Tashkend. The chief of the Mission of the Interior, Mehemmed Mohammed Hassan Khan, looks about forty, has a thick black beard, and wears a light cloth cap. The personal aide-de-camp of Shere Ali, two staff officers, and a treasurer also form part of the deputation. On Sept. 17 the deputation was received by General Kauffmann at his country house. The Envoy spoke in Persian; but his utterance was so rapid that General Stolletoff experienced great difficulty in translating what he said. A gala performance took place at the Tashkend Theatre in honour of the Afghans, and there is to be a grand review. It is said that they will proceed to St. Petersburg. General Stolletoff left for Livadia on Sept. 22. The Afghan Minister remained at Tashkend, awaiting General Stolletoff's return from the Crimean Palace of the Czar.

The news of a previous Afghan Mission, given by German papers is untrue. They must refer to a Mission from the Amir of Bokhara to offer General Kauffmann to supply him with telegraph posts gratis for the establishment of telegraphic communication between Bokhara and Tashkend.

PROJECTED TREATY BETWEEN RUSSIA AND TURKEY.

The following is the substance of the proposal of the new Treaty proposed by Russia to the Porte for the settlement of questions pending between the two Powers:—
Article I. It is forth the mutual formal assurances as to the future maintenance of eternal peace and amity between the two Sovereigns.
Art. II. The Czar and Sultan alike engage to respect all the stipulations of the Berlin Treaty.
Art. III. The contracting parties likewise engage to respect and execute all the stipulations of the Treaty of San Stefano

which were not abrogated or modified by the Congress of Berlin.

The following principles are laid down as to indemnities, territorial occupation, &c.:—

Art. IV. (a) The Porte shall pay an indemnity of 300,000,000 francs, exclusive of territorial concessions.

(b) The Porte shall pay an indemnity of 10,000,000 francs to Russian subjects whose interests have been injured.

(c) The Porte shall pay to the Danube International Commission 500,000 francs, for the purpose of putting into a proper state the Sulina Channel, and shall accept any further outlay for repairing the damages caused by the military operations.

(d) In the territories ceded to Russia the Mussulman inhabitants shall, during a term of three years, have full liberty to sell their property and emigrate to Turkey.

(e) In the territory temporarily occupied by Russian troops the existing administration shall continue, and the Porte shall not interfere therein till the expiration of the term agreed on.

(f) At the expiration of this term the Russian troops will retire, according to the treaties, in an order which will be determined by special convention to be hereafter concluded.

(g) The Turkish authorities shall not, after the retirement of the Russians, seize the inhabitants who may be supposed to have compromised themselves.

(h) A general amnesty will be granted to all Bulgarians and others who are, justly or unjustly, supposed to have shown sympathy with and given assistance to the Russians, and all who are at present imprisoned on such charges will be at once liberated.

Art. V. All previous treaties and stipulations, in so far as they are not affected by the present act, will remain in force and be duly respected by both contracting parties.

Art. VI. For all matters of detail (this probably refers to claims of Russian against Turkish subjects and vice versa) arbitrators will be appointed.

This document is as yet merely a project, and will be submitted to the Turkish Ministers for examination. Some convention of the kind must be made, for the Treaty of San Stefano was "preliminary," and a great part of it was not affected by the Treaty of Berlin.—*Times.*

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

A very important decision in regard to electric lighting was taken the other day by the Metropolitan Board of Works. At the end of last June a committee of the Board was requested to consider and report on the advisability of making an experiment with the electric light on the Thames Embankment. Shortly after its appointment the committee received an offer from a French company, entitled the "Société Générale d'Electricité," to supply them with an electric battery, together with twenty lamps and fittings, for the purpose of carrying out the proposed experiment, on the condition that the Board provided at its own cost the necessary motive power and defrayed the other incidental expenses. On Oct. 21 the committee presented its report, and recommended that this offer should be accepted. They proposed that arrangements should be made without delay to test the value of the electric light upon the Thames Embankment. It was considered desirable, upon Waterloo Bridge, and that advantage should be taken of the offer made by the French company. An animated debate arose on the proposal of the committee, but ultimately their report was adopted. In a short time, therefore, the public will be able to judge for itself of the merits of the new mode of lighting from actual experiment made on a scale not unworthy of a great metropolis like London. The subject of the electric light was also before the City Commission of Sewers a day or two since, when a report unfavourable to its use in the City, on account of the cost, was presented by Mr Haywood, the engineer to the Commission. This report was adopted, but it was decided to experiment with the light in front of the Royal Exchange and on the Strand. The *Times* writes: "The Commission has already been lighted by the electric light, the invention adopted being that of Mr. Rapley. On the first important trial six lights were kept burning in one circuit, and in the presence of Lord Richard Grosvenor and a large party of gentlemen, they were blown out and instantly reignited automatically. The lights were lowered just the same as in the case of ordinary gas. They were put out altogether, and each one separately, at the desire of the spectators. The office is, it is said, to be completely lighted up with the electric light. It is stated that Mr Edison's patents for the sub-division of the electric light were filed in the Patent Office in London on Oct. 23, and that as soon as the legal formalities have been completed the experiments with the invention will be made publicly.

DOUBLE PIANOS.

At the Covent Garden Promenade Concerts, on Oct. 21, a new instrument was played for the first time, for which its promoters claim the proud title of "pianoforte of the future."

Its most striking feature is sufficiently indicated by the name "double" piano, for there being two keyboards instead of one, and in connection with these, two separate actions. The double keyboard is, of course, not absolutely new; every ordinary organ possesses it. But a little careful watching of the player's hands will discover to the veriest tyro in music that the peculiarities of the new instrument do not end here. For these hands, as they slide from the lower to the higher board, and vice versa, will be found to produce notes of a very different nature, the corresponding keys of the two boards being, in fact, placed in reversed order to each other. To speak more plainly, on the lower keyboard the notes follow in the ordinary sequence on proceeding from low to high, but on the upper keyboard this order is reversed, the low octaves being on the right and the high octaves on the left hand of the player. The reason for such an arrangement is obvious enough. Supposing a player wishes to execute a succession of scales with the left hand alone. He would in that case begin at the extreme left of the lower keyboard, proceed to about the middle, and then transfer his hand to the higher keyboard and play back again from right to left. The right hand would perform the same operation in converse order, beginning in the right corner of the upper board and ending in that of the lower. In consequence, each hand has the whole range of an ordinary pianoforte at its command without the player shifting his position by an inch. It also becomes possible for the player to double high or low chords, as the

case may be, and thus add to the volume and intensity of the sound. In like manner it will be possible to play passages in which melody and accompaniment approach each other closely with perfect clearness, the two keyboards keeping the hands apart. The awkward crossing of hands will also be avoided. All these are advantages which a virtuoso will appreciate and which will enable him to produce effects all but unattainable on the ordinary piano.

THE NEW LIGHT.—With a view to bringing into more general use the much-talked-of electric light, no fewer than three "limited" companies were registered last week. All have for their object the introduction and development of this latest illuminating agent. Two of them are the "Electric Lighting Company" and the "British Electric Light Company"—have registered capitals of £100,000 each, to be divided into shares of £10; while the "Sun Electric Light Company," which proposes to purchase and work the invention of Mr Charles Weightman Harrison, modestly contents itself, for the present, with a proposed issue of £5,000 in £5 shares, taking, however, power to increase. Amongst the names of the original subscribers to the "Electric Light Company" are Eggleston, Edinger, Lionel Lawson, Sir Philip Ross, John Hollingshead, Charles Ferdinand de Kierkowski, Henry, Robert Jacob Hood, and Robert A. M. L. Messrs J. T. Emerson, J. P., E. J. Reed, M.P., Latham Clark, and Sir Charles Telford Bright, &c., &c., are included in the list of subscribers to the "British Electric Light Company."—*Financial.*

Quotations.

HONGKONG, December 6, 1878.

OPIMUM—New Patna, cash, \$570 credit;—
" Old Patna, cash, — credit;—
" New Benares, cash, 540 credit;—
" Old Benares, cash, — credit;—
" New Malwa, cash, 760 credit;—
" Allowance Telsa, 16 credit;—
" Old Malwa, cash, — credit;—
" Allowance Telsa, — credit;—

Exchange.

Bank on demand, ... 3/7½
" 30 days' sight, ... 3/7½
" 6 months' sight, ... 3/8½
Credits, ... 3/8½
Documentary, 6 months' sight, 3/8½
Bombay, demand Rupees, 221
Calcutta, ... 221
Shanghai, demand, ... 72½
" 30 days, ... 72½
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ... 110 nom.
Sycee, ... 109
Macedons, ... 2 ½ a.
Gold Leaf, 99, 8ss ... 27.70
English Sovereigns, ... 5.48
Australian Sovereigns, ... 5.48

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 66 ½ prem.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,600
China Traders' Ins. Co., 70
Yongtong Ins. Assn. Co., 70
Chinese Insurance Co., \$240
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 1,250
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$900
China Fire Ins. Co., \$222½
H.K. & W. Dock Co., \$17 ½ prem.
H.K. U. & M. S. Boat Co., \$10 prem.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 17
China Coast S. Nav. Co., Tls. 104
Hongkong Gas Co., \$95
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65
China Sugar Refining Co., 150
Chinese Imperial Loan, £109
Do. of 1877, £108

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co's Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, December 6, 1878.
BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 30.212
Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.100
Do. 4 P.M. ... 30.090
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 69
Do. 1 P.M. ... 71
Do. 4 P.M. ... 70
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 64
Do. Do. 1 P.M. 66
Do. Do. 4 P.M. 66
Do. Maximum ... 71
Do. Minimum over night 67

Shipping Intelligence.

The followings corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.:—

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At HONGKONG.

When	At.	From.
left.		
Mar.		
23, Oracle,	Liverp	
30, Bristolian (s.),	Antwerp	
Apr.		
16, Invincible,	Penarth	
June		
25, Underwriter,	Fortress Monroe	
July		
16, Annie Bow,	Newcastle (s.s.w.)	
16, Lorimer,	Newcastle (s.s.w.)	
18, Sydenham,	London	
21, Saint,	Antwerp	
21, Pilgrim,	Cardiff	
25, Abbey Cooper,	Antwerp	
30, Sumatide,	Hamburg	
31, Charnier,	Cardiff	
Aug.		
1, Bury St. Edmunds,	Penarth	
7, Alfredo,		

Mails.

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Hongkong, November 28, 1878. dcl2

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Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

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5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Agamemnon	5	c Wilding	Brit. str.	1552	Dec. 5	Butterfield & Swire	London, &c.	at daylight
Albatross	5	f Ashton	Brit. str.	366	Dec. 5	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Holbow	
Asia	5	c Djorup	Dan. str.	880	Dec. 5	Siemssen & Co.	Yokohama	Cos'tan D.
Bombay	5	c Alderton	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong	Ningpo & Shanghai	To-day
China	5	c Orr	Brit. str.	1036	Dec. 5	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Chinikiang	5	c Large	Brit. str.	799	Dec. 5	Siemssen & Co.		
Commonwealth	5	c Smith	Brit. str.	1401	Dec. 5	Meyer & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Cypriotes	5	c Lough	Brit. str.	1288	Dec. 5	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Manila	To-day
Diamond	5	c Thebaud	Brit. str.	514	Dec. 4	Russell & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Emeralda	5	c Oullen	Brit. str.	399	Dec. 4	Russell & Co.		Tug Plying
Fame	5	c Stopani	Brit. str.	117	Dec. 5	H. K. & W'poo Dock Co.	Shanghai	
Feronia	5	c Schultz	Brit. str.	1115	Dec. 5	Siemssen & Co.		
Hakon Adolsten	5	c Bergh	Norw. str.	1004	Nov. 28	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Port Darwin	K'loon Dock
Killarney	5	c O'Neill	Brit. str.	1090	Nov. 21	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Australian Ports	9th inst.
Moray	5	c Morney	Brit. str.	686	Nov. 21	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	8th inst.
Norway	5	c Butcher	Brit. str.	1427	Dec. 6	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Quarta	5	c Layton	Ger. str.	606	June 28	Kwok Acheong	Saigon	11th inst.
Rajanathambhar	5	c Hopkins	Brit. str.	731	Dec. 6	Sooy Shing	Bangkok	10th inst.
Sa Gull	5	c Roberts	Amer. str.	48	July 18	W. H. Ray	Coast Ports	8th, daylight
Yesso	5	c Ashton	Brit. str.	580	Dec. 5	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Swatow	at daylight
Yotung	5	c Goggin	Brit. str.	286	Dec. 5	Kwok Acheong		
Sailing Vessels								
Alma	7	c Ohlsson	Swed. bge.	332	Nov. 20	Meyer & Co.	Hamburg	Ab'deen Dock
Alva	7	c Souza	Port. sh.	631	Nov. 8	Brandao & Co.	Bombay	
Amy Turner	7	c Newall	Amer. bge.	891	Nov. 10	Russell & Co.	New York	Ab'deen Dock
Angostura	7	c Boyson	Ger. bge.	418	Nov. 12	Carlowitz & Co.	Saloon	
Annie S. Hall	7	c Nelson	Amer. bktline.	455	Nov. 29	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Aristide	7	c Lahaye	Fren. bge.	399	Nov. 29	Carlowitz & Co.		
Benefactor	7	c Hayden	Amer. bge.	696	Aug. 11	Russell & Co.	New York	Batavia & Samarang
Broma	7	c Linpe	Ger. bge.	386	Nov. 11	Wieler & Co.	London	
Bua Cacao	7	c Lange	Slam. bge.	388	Nov. 20	Chiness	Shanghai	
Caravanshire	7	c Fishwick	Brit. bge.	344	Nov. 13	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Catharina	7	c Schultz	Ger. bge.	256	Nov. 22	Carlowitz & Co.	Saigon	
Charis	7	c Santiero	Fch. bge.	304	Nov. 22	Carlowitz & Co.		
Chengtoo	7	c Bakio	Brit. Sm. sc.	284	Oct. 3	Borneo Co., Limited	Hongkong	Saigon
Chicola	7	c Kennett	Ger. sch.	280	Nov. 1	Wieler & Co.		
Christian	7	c Kosow	Ger. sch.	173	Dec. 2	J. J. dos Remedios & Co.		
Christina	7	c Capra	Nio-S. m. sc.	380	Nov. 20	Siemssen & Co.		
Civale	7	c Nissen	Ger. bge.	188	July 18	W. H. Ray	London	
Cosmar	7	c h	Amer. sch.	858	Nov. 15	Russell & Co.		
Colum	7	c Morison	Amer. bge.	900	Oct. 23	Meyer & Co.	Shanghai	
Commissary	7	c Steffen	Ger. bge.	368	Nov. 22	Siemssen & Co.		
Condor	7	c Murphy	Brit. sh.	1183	Dec. 8	Melchers & Co.		
Connaught Ranger	7	c Bernard	Fch. bge.	459	Nov. 10	Carlowitz & Co.		
Cordouan	7	c Hawkins	Brit. bge.	811	Nov. 24	Olyphant & Co.		
Oralg Ad.	7	c Ingram	Amer. bge.	669	Nov. 27	Butterfield & Swire		
Orassader	7	c Robertson	Brit. bge.	915	Aug. 6	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Demerara	
Darlington	7	c Liffenthal	Ger. Sm. sc.	238	Nov. 19	Wieler & Co.		
Delphin	7	c Staples	Amer. bge.	684	July 14	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Hamburg	
Drigo	7	c King	Amer. sh.	1128	Sept. 24	Captain		
Don Quixote	7	c Beer	Brit. bge.	441	Nov. 18	Captain		
Earl of Devon	7	c Lindbergh	Brit. bge.	391	Nov. 9	Wieler & Co.		
Elizabeth Childs	7	c Grierson	Brit. sh.	904	Oct. 17	Borneo Co., Limited		
Elizabeth Nicholson	7	c Marella	Ital. bge.	724	Nov. 30	D. Musso & Co.		
Emilio V.	7	c Harris	Brit. sh.	738	Nov. 9	Messageries Maritimes		
Emily Chaplin	7	c Guillon	Fch. bge.	272	Dec. 2	Carlowitz & Co.		
Fanny	7	c Goujon	Fch. bge.	214	Nov. 6	Carlowitz & Co.		
Firth of Forth	7	c Cowper	Brit. bge.	823	Oct. 17	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Rangoon	
Fleetwing	7	c Guest	Amer. sh.	965	Nov. 25	Edward Schellhass & Co.	New York	Ab'deen Dock
Fleisborg	7	c Jacobsen	Dan. bge.	484	Dec. 2	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Florence Nightingale	7	c McIntyre	Brit. bge.	636	Oct. 10	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		Cos'tan D.
Fontenay	7	c Taylor	Ger. sh.	553	Nov. 29	Carlowitz & Co.	Saloon	
Franklin	7	c Bertelsen	Ger. Sm. sc.	293	Nov. 24	Wieler & Co.		
Friedrich	7	c Trumbach	Ger. bge.	403	Oct. 21	Wm. Pustau & Co.		Cos'tan D.
Galina Brons	7	c Bretonen	Amer. sch.	353	Nov. 19	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Hamburg	7	c Kroge	Ger. bge.	349	Nov. 29	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Hansa	7	c Deneken	Ger. bge.	498	Nov. 12	Wieler & Co.		
Hattie N. Bangs	7	c Bangs	Amer. Sm. sc.	568	Dec. 1	Captain		
Hawthorn	7	c Mead	Brit. bge.	296	Dec. 2	Wieler & Co.		
Helene	7	c Volguardsen	Ger. bge.	372	Nov. 28	Wieler & Co.		
Hermine	7	c Meyer	Ger. bge.	850	Nov. 30	Chiness		
Highlander	7	c Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	1352	June 19	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Hilda	7	c Popp	Brit. bge.	308	Nov. 24	Chiness		
Holstein	7	c Kuiper	Ger. Sm. sc.	281	Nov. 19	Edward Schellhass & Co.	M'bourne & Dundee	
Hotspar	7	c Shaw	Brit. bge.	622	Sept. 8	Rozario & Co.		
Humboldt	7	c Stoll	Ger. bge.	330	Dec. 1	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Hyton Castle	7	c Scott	Brit. bge.	649	Nov. 23	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
J. H. Ingersoll	7	c Daw	Amer. bge.	609	Nov. 24	Butterfield & Swire		
Janet	7	c Benfrey	Brit. Sm. sc.	211	Nov. 22	Birley & Co.	Nagasaki	put back
Johann Friedrich	7	c Krickke	Ger. bg.	439	Nov. 27	Wieler & Co.		
Johann Smidt	7	c Bosche	Ger. bge.	374	Nov. 29	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
John Potts	7	c McPherson	Brit. bge.	596	Sept. 19	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Leucadia	7	c Scherloh	Ger. Sm. sc.	245	Oct. 17	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Louisa	7	c Lindk.	Slam. bge.	432	Nov. 7	Tack Mee		
Lucie	7	c Maher	Brit. Sm. sc.	378	Nov. 24	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Poochow	K'loon
Maia	7	c Gonner	Ger. bge.	511	Nov. 20	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Marco Polo	7	c Breckwoldt	Ger. bge.	358	Nov. 29	Wieler & Co.		
Mario Louise	7	c Noury	Fch. bge.	426	Dec. 2	Carlowitz & Co.		
Matchless	7	c Daves	Amer. sh.	1165	Nov. 10	Meyer & Co.		
Melbrek	7	c Piero	Brit. bge.	870	Nov. 2	Meyer & Co.		
Melrose	7	c Plumer	Amer. sh.	994	Sept. 19	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	Wanchow
Mercury	7	c Thomas	Brit. Sm. sc.	381	Dec. 1	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London	
Min-yon	7	c Leully	Brit. sh.	1108	Sept. 8	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Moneta	7	c Biset	Brit. bge.	621	Aug. 1	Russell & Co.	New York	Sands'
Napier	7	c Bryde	Brit. bge.	1200	Nov. 10	Messageries Maritimes		
Nardoo	7	c Paul	Brit. bge.	879	Nov. 16	Cheng Woo		
Niagara	7	c Paulsen	Ger. bge.	691	Oct. 11	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	K'loon
Nicolaus	7	c Stötken	Ger. sch.	157	Oct. 10	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Orion	7	c Scott	Brit. bge.	891	Nov. 27	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Paralos	7	c Passo	Fch. bge.	442	Nov. 28	Carlowitz & Co.		
Perham	7	c Oxford	Brit. bge.	254	Dec. 1	Captain	Keelung	Cleared
Prosto	7	c Lindman	Brit. bge.	210	Nov. 10	Meyer & Co.		
Sophie	7	c Binge	Ger. bge.	100	Sept. 23	Wieler & Co.		Ab'deen Dock
Spartan	7	c Vincent	Amer. sch.	680	Nov. 24	Carlowitz & Co.		
St. Adresse	7	c O'ough	Amer. sh.	1080	Sept. 6	Russell & Co.		
Sumatra	7	c Jensen	Ger. bge.	873	Nov. 22	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Taiwan	7	c Kaemona	Ger. bg.	286	Oct. 31	Melchers & Co.		
The Good Hope	7	c Forkleon	Brit. bge.	717	Nov. 6	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Theresa & Nelly	7	c Garcon	Fch. bge.	388	Nov. 15	Carlowitz & Co.		
Three Brothers	7	c Khaleks	Brit. bge.	387	Oct. 19	Chiness		
Varuna	7	c Sachau	Ger. bge.	486	Oct. 11	Wieler & Co.		K'loon
Verona	7	c Bartlett	Brit. bge.	668	Oct. 2	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		K'loon
Vesta	7	c Dirks	Ger. bge.	808	Oct. 2	Melchers & Co.		
CANTON								
Yangtze	7	c Schultze	Brit. str.	733	Dec. 6	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	
Yungchun	7	c Wallace	Chl. str.	661	Dec. 6	D. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	